

REMARKS

Claims 2-19 are pending in the present application. Claims 2-19 have been rejected. No claims have been allowed. Claims 2-19 have been canceled. New claims 20-37 have been added.

I. Claim Rejections

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being unclear. Claims 2, 4 6-10 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,885,158 to Torango, et al. (“Torango”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,964,638 to Ishida (“Ishida”). In addition, claims 3, 5, 12, 13, 17 and 18 also stand rejected under the foregoing, in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,183,362 to Boushy (“Boushy”). Further, claims 14 and 18 also stand rejected under the foregoing, in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,319,125 to Acres (“Acres”). Still further, claims 11 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Torango and Ishida further in view of IEEE 1394.

Although Applicant respectfully the foregoing rejections, Applicant has elected to cancel all claims in favor of the newly presented claims herein. It is believed that these new claims both reflect more clearly that which is being claimed and distinguish more clearly over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue these now canceled claims later in this application or an appropriate continuation or divisional application.

II. New Claims

Claims 20-37 are new. Support for each of these new claims can be found throughout the specification and in the original claims as filed, and particularly at paragraphs 0041-0046 and 0058-0059, as well as Figures 1-4 of the original specification as filed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in proper form and condition for patentability, and requests a Notification of Allowance to that effect. Authorizations to charge for a Request for Continued Examination and one-month extension of time Petition are being filed herewith. Should such authorizations be inadvertently omitted, or should any other fee be required for any reason related to this document or application, however, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0388, referencing Docket No. IGT1P117C1. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below with any questions or concerns relating to this document or application.

Respectfully Submitted,
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